

Mr. President, it is my pleasure and, indeed, an honor to introduce to the Senate an individual as distinguished and qualified for the position of Ambassador to Spain as Edward Romero. I believe his background and commitment will make him a gracious, competent and effective representative of the U.S. I fully support his nomination and respectfully ask my colleagues in the Senate for their careful consideration of Mr. Romero as the next U.S. Ambassador to Spain.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the nomination be confirmed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, any statements relating to the nomination appear at this point in the RECORD, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nomination considered and confirmed is as follows:

#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Edward L. Romero, of New Mexico, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Spain.

Edward L. Romero, of New Mexico, to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Andorra.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now return to legislative session.

#### ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 1998

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today it stand in adjournment until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 24. I further ask that on Wednesday, immediately following the prayer, the routine requests through the morning hour be granted and the Senate then resume consider-

ation of the Coverdell A+ education conference report.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I further ask unanimous consent that there be 2 hours for debate remaining on the Coverdell conference report divided in the following manner:

Senator GRAHAM, 20 minutes; Senator KERRY, 10 minutes; Senator TORRICELLI, 15 minutes; Senator DASCHLE, 15 minutes; Senator COVERDELL, or his designee, 1 hour.

Further, that following the expiration or yielding back of time, the Senate proceed to a vote on adoption of the conference report.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I further ask unanimous consent that following disposition of the education conference report the Senate immediately resume consideration of S. 2057, the Department of Defense authorization bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### PROGRAM

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, the Senate will reconvene on Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. and resume consideration of the Coverdell education conference report.

Under the previous order, after the expiration or yielding back of debate time, the Senate will proceed to a vote on adoption of the conference report. That vote is expected to occur at approximately 11:30 a.m. Following that vote, the Senate will immediately resume consideration of the defense authorization bill.

The majority leader has announced that it is his hope that the defense bill can be concluded by Wednesday evening, or Thursday at the latest.

Members are encouraged to come to the floor during Wednesday's session to offer and debate their amendments to the defense bill under short time agreements. Therefore, rollcall votes should

be expected throughout tomorrow's session of the Senate.

For the remainder of the week, the Senate may also consider the Higher Education Act, the IRS reform conference report, any available appropriations bills, and any other legislative or executive items that may be cleared for action.

#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:06 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, June 24, 1998, at 9:30 a.m.

#### NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate June 23, 1998:

##### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

JANE E. HENNEY, OF NEW MEXICO, TO BE COMMISSIONER OF FOOD AND DRUGS, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, VICE DAVID A. KESSLER, RESIGNED.

##### COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

BARBARA PEDERSEN HOLUM, OF MARYLAND, TO BE A COMMISSIONER OF THE COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION FOR THE TERM EXPIRING APRIL 13, 2002. (REAPPOINTMENT)

##### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

KENNETH PREWITT, OF NEW YORK, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE CENSUS, VICE MARTHA F. RICKE, RESIGNED.

#### CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate June 23, 1998:

##### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

EDWARD L. ROMERO, OF NEW MEXICO, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO SPAIN.

EDWARD L. ROMERO, OF NEW MEXICO, TO SERVE CONCURRENTLY AND WITHOUT ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO ANDORRA.

THE ABOVE NOMINATIONS WERE APPROVED SUBJECT TO THE NOMINEES' COMMITMENT TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS TO APPEAR AND TESTIFY BEFORE ANY DULY CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE.